

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 15:31:16 1994
Message-Id: <9409281703.AA02558@wrdis01.robins.af.mil>
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 13:03:44 -0400
From: lakeith@wrdis01.robins.af.mil (Larry CONTRACTOR Keith Mr.)
Subject: AN/PRR-15 Update..

Well, I now have several of these sitting in my garage. Still haven't had time to dig into them but found a couple of interesting things..

The second PS is really a battery holder.. According the diagram on the top, the holder will accept either C or D cells to provide the operating voltages.. The other (real) PS comes out and the battery pack slides in its place.

Think there are three antennas, a VHF whip that looks like a tape rule, a HF whip (in sections) and a long wire.. Still need to sort out the various cables and adapters..

The tape recorder is marked "Dictaphone" and uses cassettes that are twice (at least) the size of a normal cassette tape.. Does anyone recognize that size? I assume that I am going to find a patch cord that will run from one of the audio output jacks to the recorder input.

There are two antenna inputs, a BNC and a SO-239 and they are switchable. Several adaptors are included in the accessories box..

Although the legend above the dial window says AM-CW-SSB for the .054 to 30 mc bands, there is no SSB function.. So, I assume that the SSB reception is done using the BFO.

The meter can be switched to read signal strength, or battery voltage and is also used to switch in a .1 mc or 1 mc calibrator.

The IF bandwidth is selectable (wide and narrow - no indication of actual bandwidth..)

Does anyone have the number of NTIS? Do you have to have a manual number or can you just give them the model number?

We got the NSN for this thing and are chasing it down through the reference material, here.. But, I have a feeling that it is an USMC unique.

Smoke test, tonight....

73,

Larry

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 18:38:47 1994
From: haynes@cats.ucsc.edu (Jim Haynes)
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 13:04:35 -0700
Message-Id: <199409282004.NAA01403@hobbes.UCSC.EDU>
Subject: Re: AN/PRR-15 Update..

I remember there was a tape cassette circa 1962 that used 1/4" tape and was about twice as big as the present cassettes. Believe RCA was the only maker of players for them, maybe the only producer of tapes. The same cassette size was also used by the old Scientific Data Systems computer company about the same time; they called it "Magpak". (Why can I remember things like that and can't remember what I'm supposed to do today?)

I don't know the answer to the NTIS question; please post it when you find out. Each of the services has a different kind of book that is the index to technical manuals.

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 08:46:09 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 07:46:19 -0400 (EDT)
From: AUSTIN@grove.iup.edu
Subject: BC610 stories
Message-Id: <01HHMZ09ZSYG8Y4X5T@grove.iup.edu>

Jack Taylor asked about 610 stories or anecdotes. Just as a bit of news, over the past 15 years I have made about 6 trips to rural areas of the Philippines. Should you wish to send a telegram from one island to another (telephone are still rare) you would visit the small telegraph station generally positioned in the middle of the village or town. Often while standing at the front desk you can see a 610 still being used for the interisland telegraph hop. The U.S. Government must have left many hundreds of the units on the islands. Filipinos are notorious for never throwing anything away..and also in repair of most anything. Also, should you ever be in Manila..and do a walking tour of the Quiapo district..you may run across several hole in the wall shops specializing in WWII electronic gear..mainly parts. Of course it would not be worth the cost to try to haul stuff back to stateside..although I have on occasion found Japanese telegraph keys which can be fitted into a suitcase. The customs agent did want to look at the key for some reason. cheers. Tim Austin K4kvk

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 12:27:41 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 10:07:38 -0400
From: dsnowden@ccd.harris.com (Doug Snowden)
Message-Id: <9409281407.AA101370@rs2>
Subject: Contact Ratings

Anybody have a CP Clare catalog? I have a mercury wetted 24 vdc relay

HGJ2MT54211P00 and am trying to determine the contact current rating.

I'd like to use it in the boatanchor nostalgia transmitter I'm building to be a VOX type relay / amplifier keying.

Doug, N4IJ dsnowden@ccd.harris.com

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 22:27:32 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 18:44:04 -0400
From: Michael Crestohl <mc@shore.net>
Message-Id: <199409282244.AA22670@shore.shore.net>
Subject: Excellent source (but \$\$\$\$!!!) for military tech manuals

Hello all BA enthusiasts:

Larry Keith asked me for info on the N.T.I.S. (National Technical Information Service). Their address is:

N.T.I.S. 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield VA 22161 1-800-553-6847

They have a research service that will try to find the tech manual number for a given piece of equipment. Their speciality is military manuals. Naval publications of this nature is handled by the Naval Publications Forms Center at 215-697-4374

Unfortunately, the costs for these manuals is high - a 200 page TM is \$27.00 plus \$4.00 S&H and takes 4 - 6 weeks!

Hope this helps

73,

Michael Crestohl KH6KD/W1
mc@shore.net

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Thu Sep 29 01:45:04 1994
From: "Skelton, Tom" <TSkelton@engineer.clemsonsc.NCR.COM>
Subject: FW: TR4C(followed me home)
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 21:14:00 PDT
Message-Id: <2E8A4067@admin.ClemsonSC.NCR.COM>

>From: owner-boatanchors
>To: boatanchors
>Subject: TR4C(followed me home)

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<Dan tells about beautiful TR4 he bought.....snip>
73 de Dan --WA0JRD
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That's what my wife would say! So, when I start bragging about bringing home all those BA amplifiers, the Halliscratchers S20R, S38, etc receivers, the Hammarlund HQ-xxx's, and a few Johnson Rangers and Valiants, you know I either got a biggggggggggggggg promotion (not likely in today's world of downsizing and promotion from without!) or one of my few remaining uncles decided to remember me lovingly in their will (less likely) as he passes to the great shack in the sky.

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 15:26:24 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 12:34:36 EDT
From: post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu
Message-Id: <00985255.C35EFDE0.281@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu>
Subject: Help indentify Vibroplex NOT

A friend found it at a yard sale. (Such friends I need more of!) Is it a poor man's Vibroplex? The bottom is a heavy cast (assume iron) rectangular base in black wrinkle finish measuring 7 1/4 by 3 inches. The

working parts are nickel finish. The manufacturer per the embossing on the bottom of the base is "Electric Specialty Mfg. Co. Cedar Rapids, Iowa". No other identification. Could not find it in old QST's. Anybody recognize it? It's old but how old? Worth anything to a collector?

Thanks, I appreciate the expertise and the net camaraderie of the "frozen 210".

Rich
post@ouvaxa.cats.ohiou.edu

Received: 28-Sep-1994 12:34pm

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Thu Sep 29 00:52:57 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 20:48:27 -0400
From: Michael Crestohl <mc@shore.net>
Message-Id: <199409290048.AA27644@shore.shore.net>
Subject: Info wanted: Hallicrafters FM7-HW transciever - Military?????

I recently picked up a military looking radio at a flea market. Its small in size and themilitary-looking label reads:

"TRANSCIEVER

FM7-HW

SER NO.

the Hallicrafters Co.

a subsidiary of Northrop Corporation

Rolling Meadows U.S.A.

It looks fairly well built but the label doesn't have a contract or FSN so it may only look military spec'd.

Anybody know anything about this - manual or a schematic perhaps?

73,

Michael Crestohl KH6KD/W1
mc@shore.net

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 13:57:30 1994
From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
Message-Id: <9409281608.AA111903@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>
Subject: RE: Need help with diodes et al
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 12:08:47 EDT

> Matt (N0EXU) wrote -----
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> Bob:
> I understand the use of solid state, and can say I've done the same
> thing (recently). BTW, know where I can get the diagrams for Collins replace-
> ments called 'tubesters'?

I would very much like to find out ANY information on solid state tube replacements, commercial or homebrew.

In my novice days, I transistorized an old Hammarlund Navy RBG (HQ-120) that worked fairly well. I took fet's (2n3819's) and made up octal socket plugs that replaced all the tubes. Then the thing ran on 24 volts at about 50 ma or so. It worked fairly well, but I did not really know what I was doing back then..... (:+{f.....

There are certain tubes that are, shall we say, hard to obtain, these days that I would like to build some solid replacements for --- like GOOD '01A's.

Anyone on the net have any further comments or ideas?

Bob
NA4G

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* 73 TU SU SK DE NA4G          ``Boat Anchor Bob'', an ol' CW fart.  *
*****
* Morse has been in the family for over 100 years.                      *
* Morse radiotelegraphy (Spark/CW) has been in the family since 1914.  *
*****
* May you have fair winds and following seas on your watch at the key. *
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From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 21:32:26 1994
From: TOM.A.ADAMS@mail.admin.wisc.edu
Subject: Re. Identify "Vibroplex"
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 17:26 CDT
Message-Id: <E9SH2624.E9SH2636@mail.admin.wisc.edu>

to: boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu

Hello Rich.

The key you have is commonly known as "The Cedar Rapids Speed Bug". I have two in my collection.

It is notable because it is the only bug ever offered in kit form! Ten minutes with a screwdriver, two minutes with a soldering iron, and off you go.

It was intended as a poor man's key; the kit went for something like \$7.00 for the standard version, and \$8.00 for the deluxe. BTW, the deluxe was the same as the standard except it had a larger diameter damper / bumper, and it has a shorting switch for tuning the transmitter.

Re. value and collectability; I'm not about to put a price tag on it, because the market value in the key collecting game is as fluid as quicksand. I will say tho that it isn't exactly a high value collectable, since there are very large numbers of them out there, as compared to thier more expensive (original purchase price) brothers from Vibroplex, Mac Elroy, Speed-X, etc.

BTW, it was available from aprox. 1938 to 1950.

73's,

Mr. T.

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 19:55:18 1994
From: Scott_Johnson-AZAX60@email.sps.mot.com
Date: 28 Sep 94 15:30:48 -0600
Subject: RF ammeters
Message-Id: <"Macintosh */PRMD=MOT/ADMD=MOT/C=US/"@MHS>

Subject:	Time: 1:33 PM
OFFICE MEMO	Date: 9/28/94
RF ammeters	

Could the fellow who said he had the ammeters please send me his address again?
I'm having trouble responding.

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 02:48:31 1994
From: TOM.A.ADAMS@mail.admin.wisc.edu
Subject: Rig Power Ratings
Date: Tue, 27 Sep 94 23:59 CDT
Message-Id: <E9RN5847.E9RN5859@mail.admin.wisc.edu>

to: boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu

Hello Bob, NA4G.

Re. your Kenwood TS-140S:

I've got one of those rigs here too. I for one am not real impressed by the PA stage in the box; this thing DEMANDS a PERFECT 50 ohm load, and make it a nonreactive one, please! Even when it's tied to a resistor and everything's

correct, a few minutes of CW will cause the thermostat to kick on the fan in mine, which to me says we're on the verge of serious PA overheating. Other than that tho, I've got no complaints with the rig.

One thing you said kinda bothers me tho, and that's your comments about a major discrepancy between what the power output meter says, and what the rig is REALLY putting out.

Fairly early in the game I got curious about that, so I checked it out.

My test setup was a Bird 43 with a 100 watt "H" slug, and the load was a TS-148 dummy load (TS-148 internal meter disconnected per manual instructions for HF load use).

Frankly, I was somewhat surprised at how accurate the TS-140S meter is, and it remained so on all bands 160 - 10. Also, on both the rig meter and the Bird I was showing a solid 100 watt output; granted, it couldn't maintain it for too long (key down) before the fan came on, but my TS-140S most definitely DOES produce the advertised output.

Re. the old BA rule of thumb on power output (divide input roughly by 2 to get output power):

For most of the rigs I've run that seems to be a pretty good rule, but there are a few boxes out there that will fool ya.

In my experience, most DX-100s have a VERY high PA efficiency as compared to most rigs, and the estimation technique will fall way short of actual power output.

On the other hand, there's the Knight Kit T-50. I ran one as a Novice.

The PA plate supply, under load, is about 540 VDC. When dipped and loaded to the rated 100 MADDC, the input power is obviously 54 watts. Applying the rule of thumb and some Kentucky windage, a fair guess at power output would be about 30 to 35 watts.

At a hamfest recently I ran into a T-50 in pretty good shape, and gave the owner five bucks, just to get it for old time's sake. I went over the rig carefully, tested the tubes and replaced weak ones, ran the rig up slowly on a Variac to reform all of the electrolytics.

After this preparation I stuck in a 7 MHz crystal and hooked it up to the Bird and dummy load.

Occasionally, a piece of equipment will reinforce an old truth for you. In this case it was this: It's not the rig that counts, it's the operator.

I thought of the hundreds of QSOs I'd worked with a T-50, in maybe 40 states and perhaps 8 or 10 countries.

I'm still amazed that I was able to do so much on 13 Bird verified watts of RF output. If I'd known at the time it was so little, I couldn't have done so much with it. As it was, I had a lot more faith in that little rig than was warranted.

At the same time tho, the results explained why the rig wasn't worth a damn in a pileup, and why I was never able to work the Alaskans and Hawaiians I was continually hearing and calling.

Just the same tho, it made the QSL card that I still have from WP4C0Z, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, even more valuable to me than it was before. From Chicago, on a low dipole, that was a pretty good haul...

The T-50 was a pretty typical Novice rig back in the '60s. I'd have to conclude that all of us with our Johnson Adventurers, Heath DX-20s, and all the rest of the popular boxes were pretty much in the same boat; we were all trying to work the world, but never knew the odds were against it. Since we didn't know it, we went right ahead and worked the world.

Damn, I didn't know I was THAT good when I was a Novice! I guess that ALL Novices were, but we didn't just didn't know it.

I just wonder if I could do as much today with the Kenwood...

73's,

Mr. T., K9TA

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 17:22:01 1994
Message-Id: <m0qq3Ma-0002AGC@aupair.cs.athabascau.ca>
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 12:04 MDT
From: tech@cs.athabascau.ca (Richard Loken)
Subject: Scouts and famous people

Thankyou all for your input on stuff for 12 year olds.

I came up with Patty Loveless, King Hussain, and Tom Christian as pseudo famous people that 12 year olds might have a mild interest in. I also mentioned KD4CPL's Ferraris, Porsches, and Masarattis as an incentive while carefully avoiding the fact that I am in my present job stream due to amateur radio - an annual salary of CDN\$37,000.00, four kids, and a rusty 12 year old Volvo with 300,000Km on the clock.

At 12 I was developing a strong interest in sex and cars and I didn't need

reality to screw the whole thing up.

The talk went well, I tried to vaguely explain what amateur radio was and a bit about the various things you can do in the hobby. I sent a kid across the yard with a spool of wirewrap wire and tied it to my HR1680 so we could listen a bit.

I had VE6PDQ, the silicon jockey, with me who thought he was doing a license class and wanted to go on about legal obligations, the propagation characteristics of the various bands, the structure of 75M phone nets, ad nauseum. We eventually calmed him down, wound up the antenna, and went home.

I first learned about amateur radio through an article in a Canadian boy scout magazine called (tada!), "Canadian Boy" so I passed around a copy of that from 1964 and a year old issue of QST and CQ that I found on the floor of the shack, and a 1964 Boy Scouts of America brochure on amateur radio. The brochure had a picture of a 13 year old operating a Collins AM station which was worth a lot more than my father's annual salary as a truck driver...lovely station but a different planet from the one I lived on.

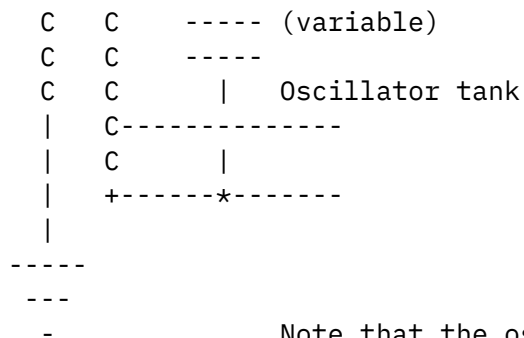
The kids listened and asked questions. I have to take that as a success.

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Richard Loken VE6BSV, Systems Programmer - VMS   : "...underneath those
Athabasca University                             : tuques we wear, our heads
Athabasca, Alberta Canada                       : are naked!"
** tech@cs.athabascau.ca **                      : - Aurthor Black
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From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 02:41:25 1994
Date: Tue, 27 Sep 94 17:36:55 HST
From: jeffrey@math.hawaii.edu
Message-Id: <9409280336.AA04862@cruncher.math.hawaii.edu>
Subject: The gg32 xmtr

Gang,
Enclosed is part of the xmtr circuit from the March 1932 issue
of QST that Bob NA4G placed on the ftp sunsite site:

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Note that the oscillator tank is inductively coupled to the antenna tank circuit. I'm lead to believe that as your 160M long wire antenna swings with the wind your frequency will also swing! The other op might even be able to determine the severity of your weather conditions by listening to your swing. ('Wow Frank, that wind gust was .7 kc!')

If you folks haven't ftp'd this xmtr please do yourself a favor got get it! The simplicity of it is wonderful:

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ftp sunsite.unc.edu
then:
login in with 'anonymous' and use your address as a password.
then:
cd pub/academic/agriculture/agronomy/ham/things-to-build/na4g
then do a 'dir' to see the all the goodies. Make sure to
place a 'binary' command prior to 'get'ing any of the files.

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73 from Hawaii,
Jeff NH6IL

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 11:53:44 1994
 From: rdkeys@csemail (R. D. Keys)
 Message-Id: <9409281409.AA111695@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>
 Subject: Re: The gg32 xmtr
 Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 10:09:54 EDT

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> Gang,
> Enclosed is part of the xmtr circuit from the March 1932 issue
> of QST that Bob NA4G placed on the ftp sunsite site:
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>   ANT

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> | C-----
> | C |
> | +-----*-----
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> 73 from Hawaii,
> Jeff NH6IL
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One thing to ALWAYS remember on dinosaurian amateur transmitter of this vintage and earlier is to DRAW THE ANTENNA TIGHT, SO THAT IT DOES NOT SWING MUCH IN THE WIND. That way you don't have problems with signals pulling due to changing antenna values.

The effect is minimized because of 1) the low frequency of 160 meters, and 2) the high value of tank tuning capacitance, and 3) the relatively low value of coupling between the primary and secondary circuits.

Good Luck, and 160 is coming alive these days..... time to resurrect the 211's and 203's for some ether hole making..... (:+{}....

73 de NA4G
Bob

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 17:14:23 1994
From: djw@unlinfo.unl.edu (daniel wright)
Message-Id: <9409281805.AA15925@unlinfo.unl.edu>
Subject: TR4C(followed me home)
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 13:05:27 -0500 (CDT)

Well-Ladies and Germs! I did it! I went to see the darn thing and it is BEAUTIFUL! It looks like it just came out of the shipping box. TR4c,RV4-vfo/speaker/power supply,Turner 350c hand held microphone, spare MATCHED SET(3) n.i.b. 6jb6 finals(purchased from RF Parts in 1990) and manual. He had it powered up when I got there so I had no opportunity to bring the unit up on a variac. Seems to work just fine! Now...anybody know where I can get the noise blanker for this unit? Also....anybody have a spare "shack-stretcher" so I can find a place to put this beauty??
I'm going to go play now.....73 de Dan --WA0JRD

*Collecting Boatanchors is God's way of saying you make too much money!.....8,]

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 02:53:30 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 14:34:39 +1000 (EST)
From: Dave Horsfall <dave@esi.COM.AU>
Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams
Message-Id: <Pine.3.88.9409281443.A18335-01000000@eram.esi.com.au>

On Tue, 27 Sep 1994, Richard Loken wrote:

> I am speaking tonight to a Scout group about amateur radio and I would like
> to mention any famous poeple under 50 who might be hams. Don't imagine they

> have ever heard of Barry Goldwater, Arthur Godfrey, or Curtis Lemay...

OK - I was going to post this after I've cleaned it up, but that will take some time, and there is demand, so here's a sneak preview of my List of Notable Amateurs:

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This is a list of the "notable" Amateur callsigns that I have been gathering for some time. I would appreciate any updates - send them to "dave@esi.com.au". Of course, "notable" is purely in the eye of the beholder; I consider it as someone in the (non-Amateur) public eye.

Another way of putting it is: "Did you know that XXX is/was an Amateur?" when explaining to someone what Amateur radio is all about. Thus, people like Monk Apollo etc would be regarded as notable (who would think a monk would be an Amateur?), whereas the head of a radio company could be expected to be one :-). Note that I have deliberately left out the current crop of Astronauts - it doesn't seem to be a novelty any more.

They have been gleaned from various places: amateur magazines, USENET postings, and straight-out rumour :-). It is probably out of date, and most likely contains errors. However, over time it should develop into an accurate list, suitable for PR purposes. It would be nice if I was credited with maintaining this list...

Thanks to all who contributed - I tried to acknowledge each one. Special thanks to edw@sequent.com for hammering on the server for me.

Enjoy!

7L2NJY	Dr Mamoru Mohri, Japanese astronaut
9K2CS	Prince Yousuf Al-Sabah
9N1MM	Father Marshall Moran, missionary (SK)
A41AA	Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said, Sultan of Oman
EA0JC	Juan Carlos, King of Spain
F05GJ	Marlon Brando aka Martin Brandeaux, actor
G2DQU	Lord Rix (formerly Sir Brian), former actor and charity head
G3TZH	Tony Dolby, brother of "the" Dolby
G3YLA	Jim Bacon OBE, weatherman
GB1MIR	Helen Sharman, astronaut
HS1A	Bhumiphol Adulayadej, King of Thailand
I0FCG	Francesco Cossiga, former President of Italy
JA5FHB	Japanese Minister for Transport and Communications
JY1	King Hussein of Jordan
JY1NH	Offspring?
JY2	Queen of above

K0HWY	Tex Beneke, band leader
K10KI	Mickey Schulhof, head of Sony US
K2HEP	John Sculley, CEO of Apple (lapsed)
K2ORS	Jean Shepard, author
K4LIB	Arthur Godfrey, TV performer (SK)
K6DUE	Roy Neal, television reporter
K7TA	Clifford Stoll, author & scientist
K7UGA	Senator (US) Barry Goldwater
KB2GSD	Walter Cronkite, news reader
KB6LQR	Jeana Yeager, Voyager '86 pilot
KB6LQS	Dick Rutan, Voyager '86 pilot
KB6OLJ	Paul J Cohen, mathematician
KC4OCA	Gordon Barnes, weatherman
KD6BUP	James Treybig Jr, son of W6JKV?
KD6OY	Garry Shandling, comedian
KG7JF	Jeff Duntemann, author
LU1SM	Carlos Saul Menem, President of Argentina
N4KET	David French, CNN newsman (K4... ?)
N4RH	Ralph Haller, FCC PRB chief
N5YYV	Kathy Sullivan, Chief Scientist NOAA (former astronaut)
N6FUP	Stu Cook[s], baseball player
N6GGM	Laura, XYL of N6FUP
N6KGB	Stewart Granger (born James Stewart), actor
N6YOS	Priscilla Presley / Lou Lou Beaulieu, actress (any relation?)
NK7U	Joe Rudi, baseball player
ON1AFD	Count Dirk Frimouth, Belgian astronaut
S21A	Head of Bangladeshi PTT
SU1VN/P	Prince Talal of Saudi Arabia
SV2ASP/A	Monk Apollo
U2MIR/UV3AM	Musa Manarov, cosmonaut
UA1LO	Yuri Gagarin, cosmonaut (SK)
VK2BL	Graham Conolly, radio announcer and voice on VNG
VK2EF	Sir Ernest Fisk, MD of AWA, radio pioneer (SK)
VK2KB	Sir Allan Fairhall, politician
VK2AHU	Dick Huey, professor-emeritus (was VK2HU)
VK2AHZ	Tex Morton (Robert Morton), singer (SK)
VK2AXN	Keith Alder, ex-chief of AAEC
VK2DIK	Dick Smith, entrepreneur & millionaire
VK2YOW	Bob Hughes, radio announcer
VK4HH	Norman Hurl1 (was VK2BC), inventor
VR6TC	Tom Christian, great**n-grandson of Fletcher Christian
VU2RG	Rajiv Gandhi, Prime Minister of India (SK)
VU2SON	Sonia Gandhi, XYL of VU2RG
W0ORE	Tony England, astronaut
W2TQ	Joel Miller, IEEE lawyer
W3ACE	Armin Meyer, US Ambassador to Japan
W4ZG	Worth Gruelle, started Raggedy Ann and Andy
W5LFL	Owen Garriot, astronaut

W6EZV General Curtis LeMay (SK)
 W6FZZ Samuel F.B. Morse III
 W6JKV James Treybig, CEO of Tandem
 W6QHS President of California Microware
 W6QYI Cardinal Roger Mahony
 W6ZH Herbert Hoover Jr (son of ARRL Pres, grandson of US Pres)
 W8JK John Kraus (astronomer?)
 WA2MKI Larry Ferrari, organ player
 WA4CZD Chet Atkins, guitar player
 WA4SIR Ron Parise, astronaut
 WA6TJM President of ISD Inc
 WA7WYV Andy Griffith, actor
 WB4KCG Ronnie Milsap, singer
 WB6ACU Joe Walsh, singer
 WB6RER Andy Devine, actor (SK)
 WD4SKT Donnie Osmond, entertainer (?)

Suspected or callsign unknown:

Nehru Gandhi
 Freeman Gosden, actor (SK)
 "Some royalty of the Netherlands"
 Some Malaysian head of state?
 Hugh Downs, TV compere
 James Hardie (Aussie entrepreneur)
 Stan Gadsen (ditto)
 John Button, Australian senator
 Maximillian Cole, Polish martyr (SK)
 Cliff Richard (Harry Webb), singer
 Merville Shalvison (?), Hollywood director
 Roc Kirby VK3???, chairman Village Roadshow Corp
 Dale Buggins, motorcycle stunt rider (SK)

Disputed (new category; some say yes, some say no):

Tony Hancock, actor (SK)
 Neil Armstrong, astronaut
 Or was this Edwin Armstrong? (SK)
 Richard Feynman, scientist (SK)

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From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 04:23:59 1994
 Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 02:51:30 +0059 (EDT)
 From: Bill Robie <robie@umbc.edu>

Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams
Message-Id: <Pine.3.89.9409280247.B1722-0100000@umbc7.umbc.edu>

On Tue, 27 Sep 1994, daniel wright wrote:

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>
> Speaking of Aurthur Godfrey.....
> I've got a Collins KWM-1,serial #300,that the guy I bought it from(sk)
> said used to belong to Mr. Godfrey. 'Said he used it aeronautical
> mobile! Suppose there's any truth to it?? We could start a new thread:
> BA Wive's Tales...;->..
> --Dan
>

It's sure a possibility ... Godfrey (aka "The Old Redhead") was an avid pilot and staunch supporter of aviation. The airport in his hometown of Leesburg, Va. is now called Arthur Godfrey Airport. Perhaps one of the old timers there could shed some light on that question.

As for the proposed new thread: I knew a gynecologist who was accused of being a "spreader of old wives' tales (tails?)." Are BA folks licensed for *that* too? ;-)

BTW - Aloha nui nui, Mr. Godfrey, wherever you are flying these days.

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 10:32:55 1994
From: bamodena@csemail
Message-Id: <9409281346.AA111616@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>
Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 9:46:56 EDT

>
> This is a list of the "notable" Amateur callsigns that I have been
> gathering for some time. I would appreciate any updates - send them to

> GB1MIR Helen Sharman, astronaut

Most of the American astronauts/load specialists are hams...as I tell people: you get up from the comm console supported by hundreds of techs and 20 MegaWatts ground stations, key up a 2 Meter HT....and all hell breaks loose as peanut whistles by the *hundreds* try to talk to you directly from the ground...I'd get a Tech license too. :^)

> KG7JF Jeff Duntemann, author AND PUBLISHER of Corliolis Group :^)

> N6KGB Stewart Granger (born James Stewart), actor

I don't doubt it...and the *other* James Stewart <SK>, movie (cine)
actor, along with Godfrey, Goldwater and LeMay forced the
USAF Strategic Air Command to adopt SSB. :^) If you list
Jimmy Stewart, include that he was a USAF Reserve Officer.
Anyone remember his callsign?

> Suspected or callsign unknown:

> ...

> Freeman Gosden, actor (SK)

That is certain...I just don't remember the callsign.

I'll add one (or two)....

The current Nobel Laureates (shared) in Physics:

Dr. Joseph H. Taylor, K1JT

Dr. Russell A. Hulse, formerly a ham and thinking of
getting his ticket again

73/Steve/AB4EL

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 11:12:56 1994

Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 10:09:28 EDT

From: dennis@irissun2.fp.trw.com (Dennis Gibbs)

Message-Id: <9409281409.AA08075@irissun2>

Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams

> I'll add one (or two)....

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>The current Nobel Laureates (shared) in Physics:

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> Dr. Joseph H. Taylor, K1JT

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>73/Steve/AB4EL

I don't know if his license is current, but isn't Joe Walsh,
guitarist/composer for the Eagles, a ham?

Dennis

dennis@irissun2.fp.trw.com

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 12:44:13 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 10:39:39 EDT
From: censun1!gc@uunet.uu.net (Gary Chatters)
Message-Id: <9409281439.AA01876@fox.gsfc.nasa.gov>
Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams

Dave writes:

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>OK - I was going to post this after I've cleaned it up, but that will take
>some time, and there is demand, so here's a sneak preview of my List of
>Notable Amateurs:
>
[...]

A bit off the topic of boatanchors, but still interesting to go through the list.

The Internet callsign servers are handy for finding out more interesting information about these people. For instance, Priscilla Presley and Andy Griffith are the same age (49 this year). Hmmm, that doesn't sound quite right, does it? :-)

I did send Dave a note recommending that W6NRM (SK) be added to the list.

73,

Gary

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 14:34:13 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 12:12:04 -0400 (EDT)
From: "J. D. Delancy" <k1zat@bah.com>
Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams
Message-Id: <Pine.3.05.9409281247.F8320-81000000@booz.bah.com>

On Wed, 28 Sep 1994 bamodena@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu wrote:

> Jimmy Stewart, include that he was a USAF Reserve Officer.

Of flag rank actually, three star I believe.

> I'll add one (or two)....

Ronny Milsap is WB4KCG.

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 15:54:45 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 17:22:36 GMT
From: Hugh D. Stegman <driver8@red-eft.la.ca.us>
Message-Id: <9409281722.AA01829@red-eft.la.ca.us>
Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams

Thanks for this list!! I am always being told that hams come from all walks of life, and this is certainly true for the club I'm in, but I was still amazed.

I also recollect that QST tried a series on radio VIPs for about a year, and one of them was a major pop record producer, did a bunch of stuff I hate but it was well produced stuff. In my local circuit there's K6RFU, name forgotten, who scores feature films, N6FFT (Fast Fourier Transform) who has a national late night talk show, Archbishop Cardinal Mahoney (Archbishop of L.A., autopatch handle of "Trinity"), a violinist for the L.A. Philharmonic (call and name both forgotten), a couple of regularly gigging studio musicians, and a whole bunch of movie-biz types who got into CB during all those good-buddy movies and then became hams *before* no-code. Oh, and myself. (You don't know me... that's why I carry the American Express Card (tm).)

Hugh NV6H
"Send all VANITY FAIR calls to /dev/null..."

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 17:37:21 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 13:04:03 -0600
Message-Id: <199409281904.NAA23877@Freenet.HSC.Colorado.EDU>
From: al511@Freenet.HSC.Colorado.EDU (Robert Neece)
Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams

JD, K1ZAT, writes:

>> Jimmy Stewart, include that he was a USAF Reserve Officer.
>
>Of flag rank actually, three star I believe.

Jimmy Stewart is a retired reserve Brigadier General (one star).
His promotion to that rank was a highly controversial one. Senator

Margaret Chase Smith was a vocal opponent to Senate confirmation of his nomination for promotion to general officer rank.

The basis for her position was that, while Mr. Stewart is a fine man, from the standpoint purely of military capability, he did not stand on a parity with career operational commanders. To make him a general in preference to other, more qualified people would be to exalt fame and popularity over more substantive qualities. She relented when his promotion was conditioned upon his serving in purely public relations capacities, rather in regular line positions.

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73 de Bob, K0KR

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 19:29:33 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 14:03:06 -0600
Message-Id: <199409282003.0AA07349@Freenet.HSC.Colorado.EDU>
From: al511@Freenet.HSC.Colorado.EDU (Robert Neece)
Subject: Re: what famous people are presently hams

Steve, AB4EL, writes:

>James Stewart <SK>, movie (cine)
>actor, along with Godfrey, Goldwater and LeMay forced the
>USAF Strategic Air Command to adopt SSB.

I am afraid that Steve's statement is not quite correct. The story of how SAC came to adopt SSB is a fascinating one. The two people who brought it about were LeMay and Lt. General Francis H. "Butch" Griswold, K0DWC. Butch Griswold and Curtis LeMay were ham radio buddies, as well as high-ranking officers. (Griswold succeeded LeMay as SAC commander when LeMay was elevated to Vice Chief of Staff.)

Griswold and LeMay conducted some comparisons between AM and SSB using ham gear aboard SAC aircraft. The results of those experiments convinced LeMay to order the change. I might add that LeMay was also buddies with Art Collins, W0CXX, who, I believe, supplied the SSB gear. (Cedar Rapids isn't far from Omaha, where SAC headquarters was located.) I'd bet that Collins provided a bit of encouragement to LeMay.

Given the way that Curtis LeMay exercised command over SAC, he did not have to "force" SAC to adopt SSB. LeMay was, after all, known as "Iron Ass" LeMay. He personally ordered the change to SSB to be

made, and so it was made.

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73 de Bob, K0KR

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 16:10:40 1994
Message-Id: <m0qq3P9-0002AGC@aupair.cs.athabascau.ca>
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 94 12:06 MDT
From: tech@cs.athabascau.ca (Richard Loken)
Subject: What is the world wide 80 meter allocation?

Thats the question. Who shares 80M with North America and what is their frequency allocation?

I only work CW so that should simplify the question a tiny bit.

Richard Loken VE6BSV, Systems Programmer - VMS : "...underneath those
Athabasca University : tuques we wear, our heads
Athabasca, Alberta Canada : are naked!"
** tech@cs.athabascau.ca ** : - Aurthor Black

From owner-boatanchors@gnu.ai.mit.edu Wed Sep 28 12:32:14 1994
Date: Wed, 28 Sep 1994 10:09:36 -0400
From: cotton@thumper.bellcore.com (Chase Cotton)
Message-Id: <199409281409.KAA28280@thumper.bellcore.com>
Subject: Re: What's an old Zenith worth?

>> There's an old Zenith Super Trans-Oceanic portable
>> for sale in the neighborhood. ... Any suggestions
>> on what it's worth?

Ray,

I bought a 1953 5L-42 (T/O-like chassis and box) at a garage sale last year for \$5.

At last year's NJ Antique Radio Club's Winter Swapmeet in Hightstown, NJ I saw 6 or more good and very good T/O's (all working) for around \$45 each. I did not see any manuals.

Chase

Chase Cotton

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